Special loan for newly created States

†320. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3496 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th April, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the extent anticipated interest of Rs.180 crore which is for four months only attribute to the total debts;

(b) the role of Central Government in final allocation in this regard and by when the same will be completed; and

(c) whether there is any arrangement at the level of RBI in respect of any special loan for such States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) the anticipated interest for the period 9.11.2000 to 31.3.2001 of Rs.180 crore in the provisional budget for the said period is attributed to the debt as apportioned on the appointed day. The complete apportionment of debt is still to be finalized for which the process of verification by the Accountant General in consultation with the Government of Uttar Pradesh is on and the final apportionment of debt shall be done by the Central Government after the exercise is completed and the reports received. No time-frame for this purpose can be specified.

(c) The states are permitted Market Borrowings within a fixed ceiling each year in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Repatriation of Reang Refugees

321. SHRI KHANGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a date has been fixed for repatriation of Reang refugees presently in Tripura to Mizoram; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Government of India is

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

making sincere efforts to repatriate the Reang migrants from Tripura to Mizoram. Several meetings were held with the representatives of State Governments to repatriate Reang migrants from Tripura to Mizoram. On 7th August 2000, Union Home Minister, had taken a meeting with the Governments of Mizoram and Tripura and requested the Government of Mizoram to take immediate action to take them back in Mizoram. Additional Secretary (Home) has also taken meetings on 15th March, 2001 and 6th June, 2001 with the representatives of the State Governments of Mizoram and Tripura on the subject.

Special status to newly carved States

322. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend special status to Uttaranchal, as the 11th State under the special category, in view of its backwardness, strategic position and difficult terrain; and

(b) what special steps have been and are being taken for accelerated development of the other two newly carved out backward and tribal States of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Union Cabinet have approved the proposal to grant Special Category State Status to Uttaranchal. The said decision will be implemented after the same is approved by the National Development Council. Placing of Uttaranchal on the list of Special Category States will be on the Agenda of the National Development Council at its next meeting which is due to be held shortly.

(b) A State Development Report for Jharkhand State for which funds have been provided by the Planning Commission to the Xavier Labour Relations Institute, Jamshedpur is under preparation. An action oriented approach towards accelerated development of Jharkhand will be drawn up by the State Government on the basis of